

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 – 2:00 p.m. – Room C445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes, House Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Rep. Sylvia S. Andersen
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove

Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. LaWanna "Lou" Shurtliff
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion
Rep. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Staff Present:

Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Phillip V. Dean, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Rep. Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Bramble, Sen. Dayton, Sen. Hillyard, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Urquhart were absent for the vote.

2. Annual Reports

A. Engineering and Computer Science Initiative

Mr. John Sutherland, Technology Initiative Advisory Board, distributed and reviewed the report, "Utah's Engineering Initiative 2008 Report to the Legislature," and "Utah Engineering Workforce Data Survey Results."

B. Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT)

Mr. Jared Haines, Vice President, UCAT, distributed and reviewed the report, "Utah College of Applied Technology Annual Report October 2008."

Mr. Brian Foisy, UCAT, Vice President of Administrative Services, reviewed from the report employer highlights, enrollment growth, and available training classes at UCAT.

C. Career and Technical Education in High Schools

Ms. Mary Shumway, Career and Technical Education Director, State Board of Education, distributed and reviewed the report, "Meeting the Needs of Utah's Secondary Student in Career and Technical Education." Other copies she distributed and reviewed were: "Utah High School to College and Career Pathways" and "Utah High School to College and Career Pathways Student Guide."

Ms. Brenda Hales, Associate Superintendent, State Board of Education, commented on Ms. Shumway's efforts with the career and technical education program and responded to committee members' questions.

D. Grades Four - Six Math Improvement Program

Ms. Hales distributed and reviewed the report, "Grades Four through Six Mathematics Improvement Pilots - H.B. 181, Section 53A-17a-152, - Report of Preliminary Results and Practices." She noted that an updated final report will be available in February on each of the pilot programs.

Dr. Larry Shumway, Deputy Superintendent, State Board of Education, commented on the math program and noted that to be successful in math requires a willingness to work hard at learning math.

3. School Custodial Services

Mr. Kelly Atkinson and Mr. Ben Walker, Managemen, distributed and reviewed the handout, "Operating Standard 1 (OS1)" that addressed the need for improving the effectiveness of school custodial services. He gave a presentation on improving the school environment through the implementation of standardized cleaning methods. Other handouts distributed were "Budget" and "A Bill," information for conducting a pilot program to test the effectiveness of the OS1 comprehensive cleaning system in public schools.

4. Early College High Schools

Mr. John Hill, Chairman, Utah Partnership for Education, distributed a handout, "Utah's Early College High Schools Progress At-A-Glance," and gave a progress report on Utah's early college high schools. He asked principals and students at the schools to comment on the program.

Mr. Clark Barron, Principal, Utah County Academy of Science, stated that working with the early college high schools has been a rewarding project.

Mr. Stephen Jolley, Principal, Itineris Early College High School, commented on the program and highlighted the progress of the school's students in earning their associate's degree.

Mr. Juan Nunex, Ms. Laura Leon, and Ms. Mariah Brockman, discussed their experiences as students of the Academy of Math, Engineering, and Science and indicated how it helped them get a head start in their degrees.

5. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Math Education Initiative"

Sen. Howard Stephenson distributed and reviewed 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Math Education Initiative." He noted the bill creates a program that awards grants to school districts and charter schools that offer Singapore Math in grades kindergarten through eight and meet other math curriculum requirements.

6. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Teacher Quality Amendments"

This agenda item was not discussed.

7. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Morley moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Jones, Sen. Madsen, Rep. Dee, Rep. Gowans, Rep. Last, and Rep. Shurtliff absent for the vote.

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.